## Freshman 101

MavUp!

## TODAY

- Who's my counselor and how can they help?
- How do grades and credits work?
- What is a transcript?
- What help can I get and where?


## Who are we?

## Counselors

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Ms. Jukkala - 9th counselor
Ms. Schmidt - 10th counselor
Ms. O'Quinn - Career/College Counselor
Ms. Smith - School Psychologist
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## Support Staff

Ms. Monahan - Registrar
Ms. Ochoa - ELL Family Liaison

Ms. Mishkin - Career/College Support
Ms. Bennett - Student Success Mentor

## Pair Up!

Brainstorm with a partner:
What do counselors do and how do we help students?
(We will ask groups to share!)

## How can my counselor help me?

- At Mountainside, counselors serve students in a variety of ways such as:
- Individual appointments
- Post high school planning
- Personal/Social issues
- Scheduling
- Group work
- Academic
- College/Career
- Classroom lessons
- Academic

■ Personal/Social

- Post high school planning
- School-wide events


## How do I make an Appointment with my Counselor?

- Fill out an appointment request slip in the counseling office.
- Email us.

FYI: drop in times are available before school, after school and at lunch. No appointment needed! Just stop by and ask a question.

## HOW DO Grades work in high school?

- Grade report every 9 weeks
- Quarter 1 - Will have 1st quarter Exploring Pathways (final grade)
- Semester 1 (January)- final grades all classes
- Quarter 3 - Will have 3rd quarter Exploring Pathways (final grade)
- Semester 2 (June)- final grades all classes

AT MHS, students will receive .25 credits for each Exploring Pathways session. These grades will be transcripted.

- What is a passing grade?


## Another way to Look at it....

## Quarter 1 - . 25 credit

Quarter 2/Semester - . 25 credit/. 5 credit
Quarter 3-. 25 credit
Quarter 4/Semester 2-. 5 credit
Quarter and semester grades go on your transcript!

## How do my grades turn into credits?

- Transcript - Permanent record
- Exploring Pathways
- . 25 credit for each
- All other courses
- . 5 credit per semester
- 3.5 credits per semester, 7.0 year

> You will need 24 credits (at least!) to graduate!

## HOW do I calculate my GPa?

- GPA - Grade Point Average

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- Cumulative GPA = All 4 years


## GPA SUMMARY

HS Unwt. Cumulative GPA HS Wt. Cumulative GPA
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## What's a transcript LOOK LIKE?



## What is a career credit?

- Advisory
- Community service
- Senior capstone
- Credit is applied to the transcript at the end of Senior Year


# HOW DO MY Grades affect my future? 

- 4 year universities
- 2 year
- Scholarships
- Activity/Athletic participation
- Jobs and references
- Car insurance


## How does my attendance affect my grades?

- Daily attendance
- Hear lectures
- Get notes
- Participate in labs/group activities/projects
- Ask immediate questions
- Get timely feedback

What happens if I miss school?

- Contact teacher via Canvas/email
- Check notes on Canvas
- Make up tests in a timely manner


# What are 5 ways that my gRADES AFFECT MY FUTURE? 

Discuss with a partner (we will share out!)

## What can I do to bring My grades UP?

- Student Vue
- Canvas
- Advocate
- Ask questions
- Check Canvas
- Attend homework club, s teacher before/after school (by appointment)
- Use planner
- Time management
- Stay organized
- Use Extended Time fully


## How do I study for my classes?

- Keep a planner and check daily
- Quiet study place
- Same place, same time daily
- Go to Homework Club
- Take notes
- Cornell notes
- Use handouts to study
- Be positive and set a goal for your study time.
- Have resources available when you are studying
- Do Not Cram-study in small chunks the 3-5 days before your test
- Take breaks



## SchOLARSHips AND planNing for the future

Helpful websites:

- collegeboard.org
- fastweb.com
- getcollegefunds.org
- raise.me
- Peerlift.org
- onejump.org

Jeopardy

